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**An Important Issue.**

From a purely local point of view the political primaries to be held next Tuesday are of particular importance to every citizen of this town. So engrossed have the general public been in the features of next Tuesday's fight that concern the county-at-large, that many people have perhaps overlooked a particular feature of the contest that personally concerns them.

The question of the control of the Republican party affairs in this town is one that all Republican voters are interested in, and is of more importance to them than the question of who shall be Chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, and here in Bloomfield it is the serious and important question of local control that will actually be the issue at stake in next Tuesday's primaries.

John S. Gibson's closest friends and advisers concede that he has but a slim chance, if any at all, of being chosen as Chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee. It even appears that the Gibson party is not making a contest with any intention of victory for they have purposely left forty districts throughout the county vacant, and in which the adherents of Major Lantz will be unopposed. While it is almost self-evident that Mr. Gibson will not win out in the county fight, it is not so evident or sure that some of his local adherents who are apparently earnestly working for his election may in reality be working out a scheme under the guise of the county fight to wrest control of Republican party affairs here.

It is this local phase of the case that makes next Tuesday's primaries of more than usual importance to the people of this town. Some people may be carried away with enthusiasm for Gibson who would not for a moment personally lend a hand to any movement that would effect the local control of Republican party interests, and it may not have occurred to them that they are being led blindfolded into a cleverly laid trap.

The candidates for members of the Republican County Committee who will be voted for here next Tuesday do not so much represent Lantz-Gibson sides of the county fight as they actually represent elements striving for supremacy in local affairs. It is understood, of course, that control of the Republican party here carries with it control of the government of the town in all its departments, and that is the issue which will confront the voters next Tuesday, and it is one that should arouse the Republicans of the town to a man.

**Special Election Voting.**

"The law under which the present amendments are to be submitted, instead of requiring the cancellation of such amendment where an opposition vote is desired, requires the voter to write the word 'against' any amendment to which the voter is opposed, and if he does not desire to vote either way on any particular amendment, he has only to cancel that particular one."

"At the two preceding constitutional elections the voter had no choice; he must vote for or against; under the present law, he may vote for some, against some, for all or against all, or he may decline to vote either way on some propositions without withholding his vote as to others he desires. No official envelope is required, and any voter may procure from the Secretary of State official ballots, which may be distributed before election day, with ample opportunity for any illiterate voter to have his ballot prepared in any way he may see fit."

**To Fill Vacancies.**

At a special meeting Monday afternoon, the County Board of Elections discovered that on the eve of the time set for the organization of the various district boards, fifteen Democratic and nine Republican appointees had failed to qualify. Four of the vacancies in each party were in the municipalities outside of Newark, in which the house-to-house canvass was begun Tuesday morning. The board decided that the district chairman had power temporarily to fill the vacancies, and they were instructed through Secretary Lippmann to do so.

**The Rural Registry System.**

The making of a house to house registration of voters, such as is required by the election law to be made in municipalities of this State having less than thirty thousand inhabitants, is a feature of the law that ought to be abolished, and a uniform registration system adopted in all municipalities of the State, large and small.

In the house to house system, the men who make the registration come in personal contact with but a slight percentage of the voters, and all questions as to citizenship and legal right to vote are answered for them by second and third parties, their wives, children, neighbors, or in some instances by domestic servants, and in not a few cases the people of a house are absent when the registrars call. The law of course provides that in the latter instance the officials shall call again, but even secondary calls often do not afford satisfactory results. It is obvious that a registration made up under such conditions and circumstances must of necessity contain many imperfections, in addition to making a large amount of unnecessary work for election officers, who are compelled to make several copies of the registration, and write and rewrite the names of many citizens who do not vote and who will not vote.

In the cities of upward of thirty thousand people a personal registry system is in force, and the registry lists in such places carry very little dead timber, for as a rule the man who will go to places of registration and personally register both desire and intend to vote. In one of the election districts of this town upward of six hundred names are carried on the books, yet the members of the Board of Registry there do not receive as much compensation as the election officials in city districts of about three hundred voters; and, besides, the former are put to some personal expense in going to and from the county seat for their election stationery and in mailing oaths and returns.

**Too Late in the Day.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: Sir: Some residents of Brookdale have been talking borough government for that place very forcibly of late. The day for any change of governmental conditions in Brookdale has gone by. The people there had their opportunity to secede and organize a government of their own before Glen Ridge took advantage of the opening.

The course for Brookdale people to pursue now is to make the best of the situation, and do all in their power to improve it. There is no question but what it would be to the advantage of the town of Bloomfield if the borough of Brookdale had been organized twenty-five or more years ago, but the mistake made in neglecting that opportunity cannot be rectified now. The town is growing northwest, and Brookdale is beginning to realize and appreciate that growth. The next generation of Brookdale people, who will fall heir to the farm lands now tilled by their parents, will enjoy the exciting, stimulating and profitable work of cutting up and disposing of the farms in building lots, and Hyde road, Garabrant street, Brokaw street, Fisher street, will appear in the future directory of Bloomfield streets, and be supplied with water mains, sewer mains, electric lights and all other modern improvements of a first-class municipality. What the Brookdale people need, and what will hasten a change there, is transportation, and the Broad street trolley extension should be agitated and constantly urged. Second Ward members of the Council should be specifically instructed by the Brookdale portion of their constituency to use their official influence in securing an extension of the Broad street trolley line to Brookdale. The amount of fare is not such an important consideration as the need of the trolley at any cost. Excessive rates of fare will eventually come around to a reasonable level when traffic warrants it. The people of Brookdale need a street railway line and need it seriously. With a trolley line in operation on Broad street, in the course of a year or so some of the warmest advocates of borough government there would feel ashamed to think that they ever advocated such a thing.

Brookdale is a place of prosper. Crops may fail and taxes may be high, but some day the real estate auctioneer with his brass band and free lunch tent is going to camp on some of the farms there, and dispose of them in 25 by 100 foot plots, and the people of Brookdale know it, despite the bluffs they make before the State Board of Taxation.

**The Police Service.**

Some people in Watessing are indulging in severe criticism of the Police Department for not being on hand to prevent the street fight that occurred at Watessing Centre. It is true that the conditions at that place are such as to need the permanent presence of police there, but the local Police Department is not large enough numerically to meet the needs of the town, and Watessing Centre is not the only part of the town that suffers from and complains about the lack of police protection. There is no lack of desire on the part of Chief Collins to give every section of the town the fullest possible benefit of police service, but with the present inadequate supply of officers it is impossible to meet all demands and requirements.

**Tuesday is registration day.**

The local banks will be closed Monday. Dr. Walter Post has moved to 35 Park place.

Peter Bills of East Orange is now a resident of this town.

William Pierce of Park street has returned from Bradley Beach.

Miss Alma Brown of Newburg is visiting relatives in Broad street.

Hubert J. Ashley and family have returned from Starlight, Pa.

The Misses Florence A. Pierce and Etta M. Brown are at Asbury Park.

George Jacobus is ill at his home in Pitt street. Typhoid fever is feared.

A large number of Watessing people will spend Labor Day at Ocean Grove.

Miss Anna Redfield of Beach street has returned from Rangoon Lakes, Maine.

Mrs. James P. Jones and the Misses Jones of Elm street are home from Maine.

Miss Anna Higgins of Fairfield place is at Asbury Park.

Halsey M. Barrett and family of Elm street are home from Falmouth Heights, Mass.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trade met Thursday night.

Rumors that a resident of Brookdale was afflicted with smallpox were current yesterday.

Joseph Lee has the contract for a \$3,500 house for Mrs. M. E. Gritman on Dodd street, East Orange.

J. Drake Pangborn of Marcy avenue, East Orange, will soon be a resident of the First Ward in this town.

The premises in the rear of Active Hose Company's house in Willow street are being improved.

Police Officer Thomas McKane has been confined to his home by illness during the past week.

School teachers are daily arriving in town in order to be on hand for school opening next Tuesday.

Attention of readers is called to the advertisement of the Bloomfield Coal and Supply Company.

The Sunday-school of St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church will have an outing at Keller's Woods, Woodside, on Monday.

The adoption of the transfer system has resulted in a large increase of the patronage of the Orange and Passaic Valley trolley line.

Thomas J. Webb of Lawrence, Mass., who has been visiting Robert Hall in Willow street, has returned home.

Tax Assessor Seymour P. Gilbert, who has been confined to his home by illness the past three weeks, and who was thought to be steadily improving, had a slight relapse Thursday.

Charles Sutton of Berkeley Park will sail for Cairo, Egypt, in a few days, where his father, E. W. Sutton, is engaged in business.

Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., resumed its regular sessions Wednesday night. During the summer the lodge rooms have been renovated.

Edward Pieligan of Harrison was arrested as a suspicious character by Policeman Maxwell in Jerome place Monday night and locked up at the police station.

The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Legion after its regular session Tuesday night held a reception.

Fred G. Mohrmann of Fairview came down from Maine by the sea route and met with stormy weather. The ship's officers and crew all concurred in attesting that the voyage was the roughest they ever experienced.

Verona's public schools will be opened next Tuesday. Frederic N. Brown is to be the principal. He has taught in this town and in Merchantville. He is a graduate of Harvard University.

The members of the Paradise Club of Watessing advise that rubber boots be worn in crabbing expeditions. This advice is practical and is based on personal experience.

According to a letter from President Thomas N. McCarter of the Public Service Corporation to City Clerk Daniel A. Dugan of Orange, derailing switches will be installed by the traction company at as many steam railroad crossings intersected by the trolley tracks, within the next six weeks.

The Montclair Master Builders' Association has rescinded the resolution of last June which declared that all members would refuse to work, and all bosses would refuse to contract with or for any member not belonging to the association.

Concerning Dog Licenses.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: Sir: Is the ordinance compelling dog owners to take out a license for their dogs an obsolete law? Has the position of dog warden been abolished? If the law is still in force what is the procedure for obtaining a license for a dog?

OWNER.

The ordinance has not been abolished, but is not being enforced. The office of dog warden is vacant. Under existing conditions there appears to be no way of obtaining a license tag for dogs.

EDITOR.

Board of Trade.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in Essex County Building and Loan Association hall on Thursday evening, September 10.

**Concerning sidewalks.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: Sir: It was recently set forth in the CITIZEN that numerous doors were open to the people to obtain flagstone sidewalks. Property owners are ardently reluctant to voluntarily enter the open doors, and it appears to be incumbent upon the Town Council to resort to the arbitrary method formed in Glen Ridge and Montclair of compelling property owners to put down flagstone sidewalks. It is particularly the duty of the Council to take cognizance of some of the patchwork sidewalks existing along some of the thickly built up streets.

In some cases there are twenty-five and fifty feet of flagstone sidewalks alternating with corresponding lengths of mud walks. Such a condition of things as a matter of civic pride and order should not be allowed to continue, and all the power vested in the Council should be exercised to the fullest extent in these cases. The Council, it is understood, is loath to exercise arbitrary power in the matter of enforcing sidewalk laws out of motives of sympathy for property owners already heavily burdened with taxation. The sympathy is probably wasted. The same people who are loath and slow to improve their sidewalks are no doubt among the most ardent advocates of large appropriations for schools and official salaries and magnificent public buildings.

Conditions often arise in the administration of public affairs where a policy of force must of necessity be resorted to, and that appears to be the existing condition in this town to-day with respect to sidewalk improvements.

PEDESTRIAN.

Violin and Piano instruction at pupil's home or teacher's residence. For terms address William J. Maier, No. 385 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J.—Adm.

**ORDINANCE.**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE NAMES OF STREETS.

The Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, do ordain as follows: Section 1. That upon and from this ordinance taking effect, the name of any new street, avenue, highway or alley shall be submitted to the Town Council for its approval; such name to be unlike the name of any other street, avenue, highway or alley in the Town of Bloomfield before such street, avenue, highway or alley shall be dedicated to public use.

Section 2. When the owners of two-thirds of the real estate fronting along any street, avenue, highway or alley in the Town of Bloomfield shall petition the Town Council, in writing, to change the name of such street, avenue, highway or alley, said Town Council shall pass an ordinance changing the name of such street, avenue, highway or alley to the name designated or prayed for in such petition, provided such name shall be unlike the name of any other street, avenue, highway or alley in the Town of Bloomfield; provided, also, the cost of the official publication of such ordinance shall be paid by the owners of real estate petitioning for such change of name.

Ordinance adopted August 17, 1903.

GEORGE F. ELLISON, Chairman Town Council.

Attest: WM. L. JOHNSON, Town Clerk.

**NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT.**

Notice is hereby given that by direction of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the public sale of real estate to make the unpaid taxes assessed on lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate in the said town, in the year 1903, has adjourned from Thursday, the 27th day of August, 1903, at 2 P. M. to Monday, the 28th day of September, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the office of the Town Collector in the Bloomfield National Bank building, in the town of Bloomfield, county and State aforesaid.

FRANK FOSTER, Town Collector.

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Montclair District, 458 Bloomfield Avenue.

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